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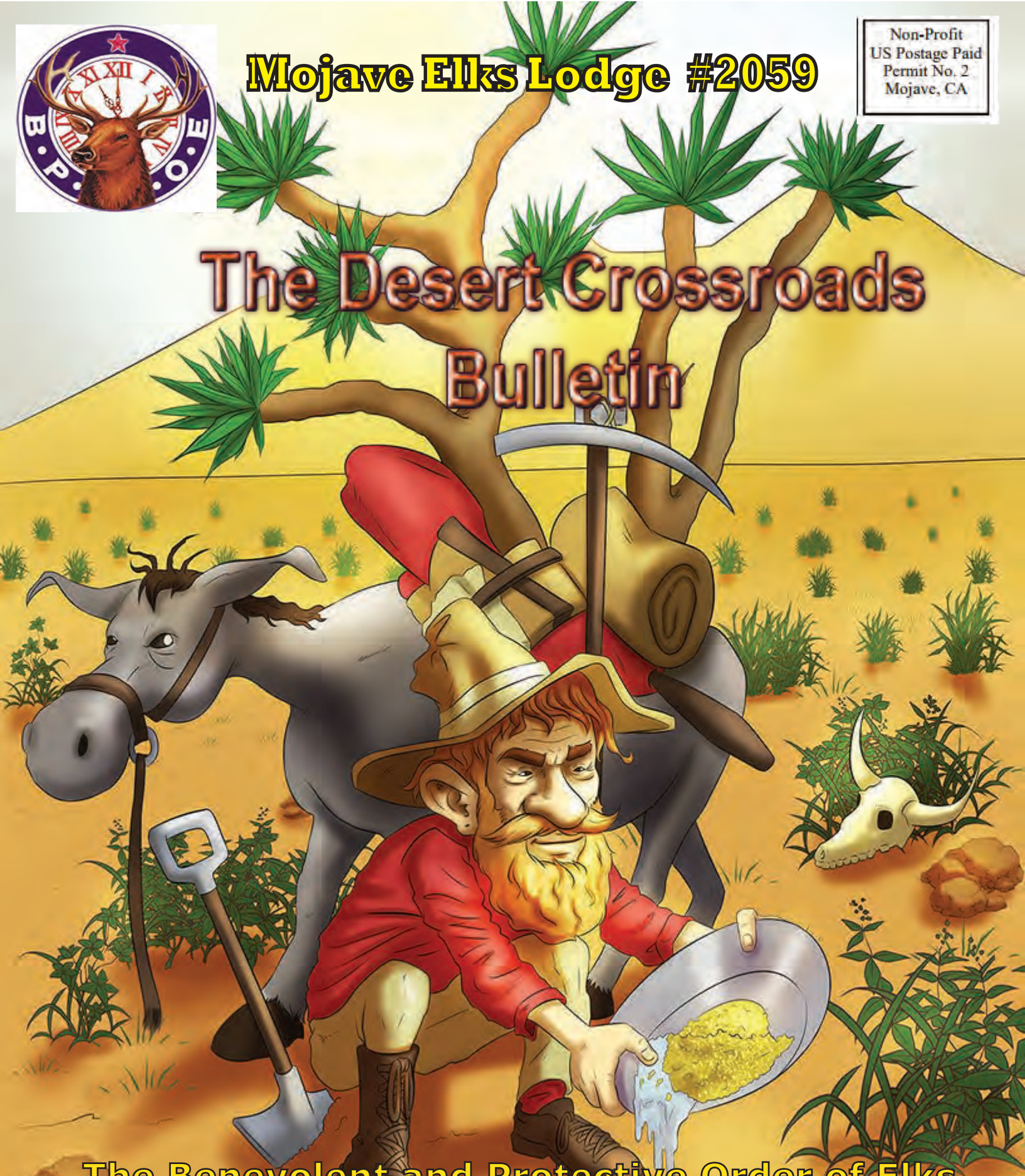

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A Message From The Exalted Ruler
Kira Wagner

With every change comes opportunity…
As your new Exalted Ruler, I look forward to building on the foundation laid by past administrations as well as making the most of our time together during the next 12 months! Additionally, I appreciate the fact that we have several PER's still actively involved in the lodge – their experience and expertise only serves to make us stronger.
The single overriding goal for the my tenure is to improve communication so that we know what's happening, that everyone knows how important you are to the lodge and that regardless of position, we're all in this together. We have so many opportunities to serve the community and each other that I am looking forward seeing what we can do this year. I encourage each of you to attend the lodge meetings, a House Committee meeting or two and participate in as many events as you can, it's YOUR lodge and you help make the decisions in the directions we move only when you're there.
I would be remiss if I didn't thank Warren for all of his support and guidance over the past year – his vast experience in the world of Elkdom is much appreciated by both myself and the lodge!
Please know that if you have ideas or suggestions you can always reach me at my email (kira@kirawagner.com) or my cell 805.405.5127 and if I'm not available at the time – I'll get back to you as soon as possible. Living closer to the lodge now, I also hope to be down there more frequently!
Finally, thank you to our new corps of officers and committee chairs! As a not-for-profit fraternal organization, there is a lot required to keep the doors of the clubroom open so the community of support run by volunteer effort is appreciated more than mere words can convey!!
As they say in the Corps – Semper Fi, and may we always be faithful to our purpose and each other.

Kira Wagner
Exalted Ruler

If your birthday is this month, come join us for your Steak Dinner, compliments of the Lodge. We serve on the 1st Saturday of the month 5 pm

Please consider sending in your dues as soon as you can if you have not yet done so.

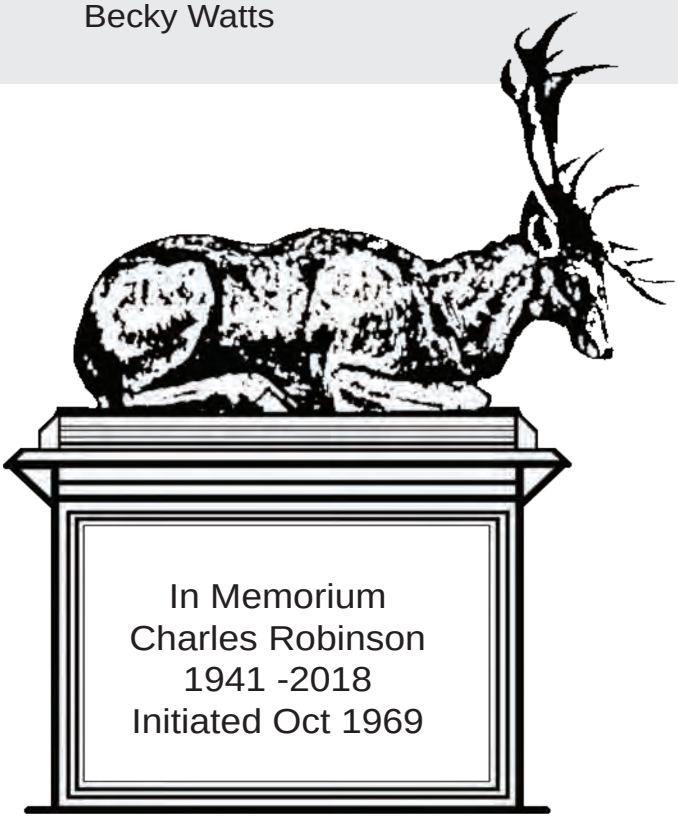
SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Kira Wagner
805-405-5127

Remember: reports of Sickness and Distress are always welcome! Please call Kira with any updates. Thank you!

On the Mend

Monte Meeks
Becky Watts



Steve Boss Proposer Josh Goff March 21

For the Good of the Order

March 07, 2018	March 21, 2018
Attendance $ 268.51	Attendance $ 260.91
Shawn Monahan	Steve Rushford

(Remember it pays to attend)

Soda - Warren Guest	Ted Hodgkinson
Beer - Steven Rushford	Paul Wagner
Call - Ken Miller	Warren Guest
Well - Ken Miller	Joe Hodgkinson

We had a Winner!
Steven Rushford (our new Lecturing Knight)
won the
Membership Drawing for
$273.29
(Remember, you can't win if you don't pay)

Last Minute Reminder

April Birthdays

01	Startup, Renee
02	Baker, Sandra
06	Fisher, Michelle
06	Kainu, Bret
07	Fritz, Danny A
07	Miller, Theodore A
07	Russo, Louis Michael
11	Bradford, Norma
11	Duncan, Trent
12	Herrera, Rudolph
13	Delp, Bradley
16	Bunn, Susan E
18	Slater, Edward
19	Womack, Jimmy
21	Sanchez, Hector R
25	Sojka, Lucy E
26	Matzinger, Sybil
27	Hurst, Christopher J

Your newly installed Officers for 2018-3019

Warren Guest, Past Exalted Leader passing the keys to the new Exalted Ruler, Kira Wagner

Photos by Michelle Marie Egberts

PER medallions are presented to PER's (L/R) Todd Smith, Warren Guest, and Ted Hodgkinson

Special Annual Recognition Awards

Elk of the Year - Todd Smith
Officer of the Year - Cindy Hodgkinson
Member of the Year - Rebecca Watts
Citizen of the Year - Ted Hodgkinson

BRING IN A NEW CANDIDATE THIS MONTH!

A Message From The Secretary
Ted Hodgkinson

Having sent out dues letters for the 2018-2019 year we have many that have responded by sending in dues. Please consider sending in your dues as soon as you can if you have not yet done so. On Apr 01 our lodge has to send in per capita fees to Grand Lodge for all our members regardless whether or not we have received dues payments from individual members

Hope to hear from you soon.

Beginning Membership Total 4/1/2017:	**274**
Increases	
Initiated	16
Affiliated:	1
Reinstated:	6
Subtotal:	23
Decreases	
Dropped:	37
Transferred Out:	4
Absolute Dimit:	0
Deaths:	9
Expelled:	0
Subtotal:	50
Calculated Membership Total:	**247**
CLMS Active Members:	**247**
Average Age:	**62.19**
Gain/Loss:	**-27**
Delinquency	
Six Months:	2
One Year:	0
Over One Year:	0
Total:	**2**
Lapsation Rate:	**0.73%**
Applications on Hand	
Waiting to read at next lodge meeting:	0
In the hands of the investigating committee:	1
Ready for balloting:	0
Ready for Orientation:	2
Ready for Initiation:	0
Ready for Affiliation	0
Ready for Reinstatement	0
Other	0
Total:	**3**
Life Members	
Life Members:	12
Honorary Life Members:	2
Total:	**14**
Life Percentage:	**5.11%**

Fraternally
Ted Hodgkinson
Lodge Secretary

OFFICERS 2018-2019

EXALTED RULER	Kira Wagner
LEADING KNIGHT	Joe Hodgkinson
LOYAL KNIGHT	Reuben Andrade
LECTURING KNIGHT	Steven Rushford
SECRETARY	Ted Hodgkinson, PER
TREASURER	Cindy Hodgkinson
INNER GUARD	Charles Guest
TILER	Fred Hudson
ESQUIRE	Paul Wagner
CHAPLAIN	Susan Bunn

TRUSTEES

5 Year Todd Smith, PER
4 Year Kyle Collier
3 Year Theodore Miller
2 Year Steve Rushford
1 Year Rebecca Watts

Scratch notes

Thanks to both Steven Rushford and Todd Smith for ALL of their valuable fixes in the lodge and the Trap Range

Voting in March to Nominate Robert C. Morse confirmed him as a Life Member. He has been an elk for 32 years, living in Rosamond.

Each month we will highlight a different service provided by the Elks and this month it's all about the support you provide to the Major Project or Purple Pig as many of you have come to know it.

Why the Major Project?

Imagine holding your new born child in your arms after 9 months of anticipation. This tiny being who has stolen your heart has finally arrived. So many dreams and hopes are wrapped in one beautiful, perfect recreation of you, their mom or dad.

However, your world falls apart as you learn that something is wrong and over weeks of tests and scrutiny it comes crashing in on itself as your child is diagnosed with not only cerebral palsy, but left side hemiplegia, as well as a rare brain disorder, Schizencephaly. As a result, you are told to find a facility that could provide long-term care since your child would always be dependent on others for their needs.

In this or similar ways, this is a reality that parents face every day yet because of your donations to the Major Project we bring the miracle of hope! This was the case of our **Theme Child from 1995**. Today, she live in Grants Pass Oregon, a college graduate and through additional medical research, her seizures are almost non-existent.

Our Mission Statement reads "**The California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc., a committee of the California-Hawaii Elks Association, pledges its commitment to addressing the unmet needs of children with disabilities throughout the states of California and Hawaii by developing a program of supporting services to aid these children at no cost to the families and without discrimination**." As a result of the dreams and dedication provided by the California-Hawaii Elks in 1950, CHEA created an organization within it to help children with disabilities.

With all donations being tax deductible you'll see the lodge hosting dinners and other events to ensure that the 32 therapists (Occupational and Physical Therapists, Preschool Vision Screeners and Speech-Language Pathologists) all hired by your donations, are able to help children and their families achieve and full and bountiful life!

If you haven't heard it lately, thank you for your donation and God bless!

Read more here:
https://chea-elks.org/major-project/purple-pig

Mojave Lodge Committees

Accident Prevention	Trustees
Americanism	Ruben Andrade
Auditing	Gary Sampley
Bequest & Living Trust	Steve Rushford
Club Room Manager	Ramona Mestas
Club Room Manager Assistant	Colleen Heller
Community Activities	Cynthia Hodgkinson
Drug Awareness	Vacant
Elks National Foundation	Joe Hodgkinson
Elks Training	Kira Wagner
Flag Day	Charles Guest
Government Relations	Gary Sampley
Hoop Shoot	Ted Hodgkinson, PER
House Committee Chairperson	Michael Mestas
House Committee Members	Becky Watts, Ken Heller, , Joseph Hodgkinson
Indoctrination	Kira Wagner
Insurance & Safety	Trustees
Investigation	Leslie Smith
Kitchen Manager	Vacant
Lapsation & Membership	Monte Meeks
Lodge Activities	Kira Wagner
Major Projects	Joe Hodgkinson
Memorial	Susan Bunn
National Veterans Service	Gini Heller
PER Association	Ted Hodgkinson, PER
Public Relations	Paul Wagner
Scholarship	Ted Hodgkinson, PER
Visitation	Kira Wagner
Youth Activities	Vacant

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Happy Easter	2 6 PM 12 Step Program 7 PM Ritual Practice Club Room 3-7PM	3	7 PM Lodge Meeting 4 *6:00 PM Board of Directors* 5 PM Burgers By Josh $5	5 Club Room 3-7PM	6 Club Room 3-9PM	7 **DD Clinic - Ridgecrest 1 PM** BBQ Birthday Steak Dinner $12 or Free for Birthday Members New Members Initiated Previous Mon
Open Pool Table 8 Club Room 1-6PM	*7-9:30 AM Senior Sack* 9 6 PM 12 Step Program 7 PM Ritual Practice Club Room 3-7PM	10 Club Room 3-7PM	11 5 PM Burgers By Josh $5 Club Room 3-9PM	12 Club Room 3-7PM	13 Club Room 3-9PM	14 11 AM House Committee **Calendar Immediately Following** 6 PM Karaoke With Ted Club Room 1-9PM
Open Pool Table 15 Club Room 1-6PM	16 **Bulletin Articles Due** 6 PM 12 Step Program 7 PM Ritual Practice Club Room 3-7PM	17 Club Room 3-7PM	7 PM Lodge Meeting 18 Initiation Night *6:00 PM PER Meeting* *6:00 PM Orientation/Indoctrination* 5 PM Burgers By Josh $5 Club Room 3-9PM	19 Club Room 3-7PM	20 Mojave Experimental Fly-In 5-11 PM @Air & Space Port Club Room 3-9PM	21 Club Room 1-9PM
22	23 6 PM 12 Step Program 7 PM Ritual Practice Club Room 3-7PM	24 Club Room 3-7PM	25 5 PM Burgers By Josh $5 Club Room 3-9PM	26 Noon - Mojave Chamber Club Room 3-7PM	27 Ritual Contest Victorville Lodge Club Room 3-9PM	28 Club Room 1-9PM
Open Pool Table 29 Ritual Contest Victorville Lodge Club Room 1-6PM	30 6 PM 12 Step Program Club Room 3-7PM					

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LOUNGE HOURS

Mon, - Thur: 3 PM - 7 PM
Wed, Fri: 3 PM - 9 PM
Saturday: 1 PM - 9 PM
Sunday: 1 PM - 6 PM

Meetings

Lodge Meeting: 1st & 3rd Wed of the Month 7 PM
House Committee: 2nd Saturday 11 AM
Calendar Meeting: 2nd Saturday Noon
Board of Directors Meeting: 1st Wed 6 PM.
PER Meeting: 3rd Wed 6 PM

Your input is valued. Your attendance is welcomed.
Come for dinner and stay for the meetings.

PAST EXALTED RULERS

1957-58 Max Carol *
1958-59 William Young
1959-60 Jake Keefer *
1960-61 Colonel Moss *
1961-63 Louie Pulos ++
1963-64 Colonel Moss *++
1964-66 Mick Sherwin * ++
1966-67 John Riggo *
1967-68 Richard Willie
1968-69 Lawrence Munschy *
1969-70 Melvin G. Miller * SVP 1974-75
1970-71 Jack Kountz *
1971-72 Tip Miller*
1972-73 Charles Postle
1973-74 Tommy Fields
1974-76 Paul Beeson * ++
1976-77 Richard Bishop *
1977-78 Richard O'Neal *
1978-79 Harold Howard *
1979-80 James Maes
1980-81 Steve Martin
1981-83 Henry Parker * ++
1983-85 Jack Craig ++
1985-86 Ray Cramer
1986-87 David Cleveland
1987-88 Louie Yette
1988-90 Mike Dwyer ++
1990-91 Manny Rivera
1991-92 Jim Gunter
1992-93 Jake Brott
1993-94 Jim Gunter ++
1994-95 Jake Brott ++
1995-96 Robert Gray SR.*
1996-98 Warren Guest ++ SVP 2014-15
1998-99 Jake Brott +++
1999-00 Thomas Brown*
2000-01 Linda Parker
2001-02 James Brott
2002-03 Vickie Francois-Zellner
DDGER 2015-16
PSVP 2013-2014
2003-04 James Brott ++
2004-06 Karen Kennedy * ++
2006-08 Jim Wachsman * ++ July 20, 2007
2007-08 David Cleveland ++
2008-09 Amy Cook
2009-10 Charles "Eddie" Tomlin
2010-12 Henry "Hank" Parker++
2012-13 Donald "Terry" Cook
2013-14 Henry "Hank" Parker +++
2014-15 George "Ted" Hodgkinson
2015-17 Todd Smith
2017-18 Warren Guest ++ SVP 2014-15

* Deceased ++ 2nd Term +++ 3rd Term

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